

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. By the amendments, Applicants do not acquiesce to the propriety of any of the Examiner's rejections and do not disclaim any subject matter to which Applicants are entitled. *Cf. Warner Jenkinson Co. v. Hilton-Davis Chem. Co.*, 41 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865 (U.S. 1997).

In the Specification

Applicants have included herein a copy of the abstract on a separate sheet as requested by the Office.

In the Claims

Claims 68-88 remain in this application. Claims 1-61 and 63-67 were previously canceled. Claim 62 had been previously withdrawn and is now cancelled without prejudice to Applicant's pursuing the subject matter of cancelled or amended claims in one or more related applications.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office requested an Information Disclosure Statement for references listed on page 14 of the specification. Applicants respectfully note that page 14 of the specification (the published PCT specification) does not list any references but rather references are listed on page 24 of the specification. Applicants have prepared an Information Disclosure Statement and submit herein a form PTO-1440 and copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature. The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully assert that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-3207.

Respectfully submitted,

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